

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of Corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe by Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, formerly Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District – Trapped on 15.10.2010 – Sanction for prosecution – Accorded – Reg.

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REVENUE (VIG.IV.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 1520

Dated:23.07.2011.

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ORDER:-

Whereas Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, S/o. Bheemaiah, worked as Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District from 23.06.2008 to 15.10.2010 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. And whereas, Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao is a resident of Anigandlapadu Village, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District and is a farmer.

3. And whereas, it is alleged that the father of Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao has 10 acres of agricultural land in their village and having Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed for the above said land and a part of the land to an extent of 4.35 acres in Survey Nos.431/4 and 434/3 were not incorporated in the Pattadar Pass Book and in the Title deed. The father of Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao, Sri Ramaiah, submitted an application to the Tahsildar, Penuganchiprolu on 23.06.2010 requesting to get the land surveyed and to incorporate the details of the said land in the Pattadar Pass Book and other connected records. He enclosed a required challan of Rs.250/- to the application. The Tahsildar sent Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, formerly Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District to their land on 26.09.2010 and Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana conducted a survey of the land on the same day, but he did not send Survey report to the Tahsildar nor did he give a copy to the father of Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao. On the instructions of his father, Sri G.Srinivasa Rao met Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana about one week ago in the office of the Tahsildar, Penuganchiprolu Mandal and requested to send the survey report to Sri John Kotaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Anigandlapadu village

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through the Tahsildar. Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana demanded Rs.6,000/- as bribe to send the Survey Report to the Tahsildar and to give a copy of the report to him. Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao pleaded his inability to pay huge amount as bribe and Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana reduced his demand of bribe to Rs.5,000/- and categorically stated that he would do the work only if he paid the demanded bribe. Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao again met Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana on 12.10.2010 and requested for the survey report. Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana reiterated that he would give the Survey report only if he was paid bribe amount of Rs.6,000/-. Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao again expressed his inability and Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana reduced his demand to Rs.2,500/- and informed Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao to pay the same in his office in two or three days. Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao was unwilling to pay the bribe to Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana and gave a report against Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range and requested for necessary action. The Deputy Superintendent of Police received report from Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao and instructed Range Inspector III, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range to verify the contents of the complaint and antecedents of Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana as well as those of Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao. After receipt of the verification report, the Deputy Superintendent of Police registered a case in Cr.No.23/RCT-ACB-VJA/2010 under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 15.10.2010 at 10.00 a.m. after obtaining permission from the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

4. And whereas, after completion of proceedings drafted under a cover of Mediators Report-1, the Deputy Superintendent of Police along with Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao, Mediators, Inspectors and other members of the trap party left the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau Office, Vijayawada at 2.00 p.m. on 15.10.2010 in Government Vehicles and reached the vicinity of the Office of the Tahsildar, Penuganchiprolu Mandal. As per the instructions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao went straight into the office of Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana and met Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana found in his seat and requested him about the survey Report on the survey conducted by him. Then Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana asked him whether he had brought the demanded bribe amount of Rs.2,500/-. He replied in affirmative Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana asked him to pay the demanded bribe amount. Then Sri Ginjupalli Srinivasa Rao took out a wad of tainted currency notes from his left front upper shirt pocket and gave the same to Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, who received the same with his right hand, counted the notes with his both hands and kept the same in the right side drawer of his wooden office table. Then Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana took out his application from the top of his table and noted down details of the land of his father and the lands of the

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younger brother of his father on a paper slip, signed it and gave it to him stating that he would submit the Survey Report to the Tahsildar, Penuganchiprolu Mandal soon. Then Sri Ginpalli Srinivasa Rao came out of the office room and gave the pre arranged signal to the trap party. Immediately the Deputy Superintendent of Police and other members of the trap party including mediators rushed into the office of Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana and found Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana sitting in his seat. The Deputy Superintendent of Police disclosed his identity to Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, conducted S.C. solution tests on both hand fingers of Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana and proved positive. As per the directions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana pulled the right side drawer of his wooden table and took out a wad of currency notes and produced the same and as per the instructions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, one of the mediators took the tainted currency notes and the serial numbers when compared with pre-trap proceedings found tallied. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got Sodium Carbonate solution test conducted on that portion of the right side drawer of the office table of Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana which came into contact with the tainted amount proved positive. The resultant solutions were seized. The Deputy Superintendent of Police seized tainted amount of Rs.2,500/-, application, connected case file and records for the purpose of further investigation.

5. And whereas, the said acts of Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, formerly Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District constitute offences punishable under section 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being competent authority to remove Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, formerly Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. Final Report, F.I.R., Mediator names, Gist of statement of witnesses etc.,) placed before them in respect of the aforesaid acts and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, formerly Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the above said by Sri Sabbati Satyanarayana, formerly Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District for the offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(2) read with 13(1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption

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Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offence punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(ANIL CHANDRA PUNETHA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.